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Tēnā koe Angela

OIA request 21/22 0796 Request for information relating to birth records

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request made to the Ministry of Justice on 24 May 2022.

As previously advised, part of your request was transferred to us, the Department of Internal Affairs (Department), on 27 May 2022. This transfer was pursuant to section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information sought is more closely connected to our Department's functions.

The portions of your request transferred to us were –

- 1. How many babies were born in Papakura in the month of July and August 1968 and how many of those babies in those months were adopted?*
- 2. How many BDM107a certificates were created for babies born in the month of July and August 1968 including those who ended up adopted?*
- 3. BDM107a is a trust certificate, how many times has this certificate been hypothecated?*
- 4. RG27 just records the names of the living child in all capitals, creating an ORGANISATION on paper, then a document was forged by the NZ Government using the signature and particulars from the RG27 and the consideration for the family benefit, and the state FORGES another document being a TRUST certificate bdm107a a pre-adoptive certificate, giving legal ownership to the state of the living child without any knowledge by innocent child or parent, so these documents are all copyrighted property of the CROWN, and therefor where is my signature to the contract that binds me to any obligation?*
- 5. The parents at Papakura signed an rg27 when filling out the particulars for the newborn child, and did the Courts of New Zealand use this signature as permission to create the BDM107a, and if so, please supply a copy of the signature giving permission to the creation of all the BDM107a ever created without having to supply the personal information please?*

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information, which has been broken down by each question for ease of reading.

Question one

I can confirm that there are 92 births recorded as taking place in Papakura during July and August 1968. Of these 92 births, fewer than five are adoption records. The portion of this request relating to the number of adoption records must therefore be refused pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act; the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the

privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Please see the caveats for this data below.

These are historical records that were entered into the Births, Deaths and Marriages database from paper records after the database was created in 1998, so accuracy and completeness may be affected.

These are records where Papakura was recorded in the place of birth field. It is possible that some people were born in Papakura but the parents put 'Auckland' on the record, so these will be missing from the total.

Question two

The Department does not hold record of how many pre-adoptive birth certificates were issued to individuals born over July and August 1968. This portion of your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act; the requested information does not exist.

Questions three, four and five

As advised in our email of 2 June 2022, these questions state incorrect information as fact, and then ask a question on the basis of that incorrect information. They were therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act; the information requested does not exist.

We also advised that the Department is aware of misinformation regarding birth documents that may be circulated by groups such as the Sovereign Movement or the Freemen of the land. Birth certificates record the event of a birth, and other birth forms support the recording of a birth. None of these documents are trusts, bonds or any other kind of financial instrument.

We also explained that recording a birth enables the recognition of citizenship of those eligible to be recognised as citizens by birth. It also enables the factual determination of age, which is relevant for a range of public support systems in which age may be relevant, such as school entry, offender status within the justice system, the issuing of the pension, eligibility for social services and support benefits to families, and provision of health services e.g. cancer screening.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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